

Peace Lutheran Church

3rd Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 14, 2024 + 6:00pm + Sunday, December 15, 2024 + 8:00am

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK “Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.”
Philippians 4:5

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” **LSB 352 v. 1-3**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

L: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

C: **it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.**

L: The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

C: **They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.** (*Isaiah 35:1-2*)

L: As we light 3 candles on our Advent wreath to mark our journey through this season, we join together in prayer: We praise You, O God, for this circle of light that numbers the days of preparation for Christ's coming again. As we light the third candle on this wreath, fill us with the joy that comes from You so that we may be lights shining in the darkness of our world.

C: **Give us the light of Your grace so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may prepare our hearts to welcome Him with joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord whose coming is certain. Amen.**

RESPONSE “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” **LSB 352 v. 4**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

L: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

L: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one

another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to ever lasting life. Amen.

L: Almighty God in his Mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE (*sung*)

LSB 204

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*sung*) **LSB 204**

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.
I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.
Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes,” says the Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious

about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

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GOSPEL

Luke 7:18–28

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LSB 803 v. 1-3

SERMON

“Somethings Different”
Philippians 4:4-7

Pastor Jarod Fenske

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION LITURGY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

L: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life.

C: **Amen.**

SANCTUS

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

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COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming”
“God Loves Me Dearly”

LSB 359 v. 1-4
LSB 392 v. 1-5

COMMUNION BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- L: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen**

BENEDICTION

- L: Let us bless the Lord.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**
- L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.
- C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

LSB 357 v. 1